

9. (amended) The body probe for MRI according to claims 1 to 3, 7 and 8, wherein said side coil portions are constructed by embedding a flexible coil in a soft member.

10. (amended) The body probe for MRI according to claims 1 to 3, 7 and 8, wherein said side coil portions are provided with cutaway holes at portions where there are no coil portions.

11. (amended) An MRI apparatus that uses a body probe which, as recited in any one of claims 1 to 3, 7 and 8, has reception coils for picking up an image.

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**IN THE ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE:**

Please amend the abstract as follows: